

**Minutes From a Meeting of the Concordia Council on
Student Life**

**Held on Friday, March 5, 2004
Loyola Campus AD 308 10:00am**

PRESENT: Dr. C. Bertrand, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Ms W. Avalos, Ms S. Bakarally, Mr. P. Blais, Mr. R. Côté, Ms M. Drew, Mr. B. Farrington, Me P. Frégeau, Dr. S.M. Graub, Ms S. Novembre, Mr. S. Rosenshein, Dr. F. Shaver, Ms K. Sheahan, Ms C. Steenbergen, Ms C. Boujaklian, Mr. W. Curran, Ms L. Gould, Ms K. Hedrich, Ms P. Posius, Ms L. Toscano

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Ms D. Ross, Dr. N. Howe, Ms F. Naqvi, Mr. B. Hamideh, Ms L. Lipscombe

ABSENT: Mr. A. Talaat, Mr. J. Brisebois

GUESTS: Ms A. Ghadban

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms Sheehan asked if Council had any objection to moving 4.3 (Recreation & Athletics Board Motion) on the agenda to 4.1 as she has a previous commitment. Council had no objection.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was carried unanimously

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Bertrand reminded Council that the nomination deadline for the CCSL Awards was March 17th. The Awards Night will be held at the Loyola Campus in the Guadagni Lounge on April 2nd.

Dr. Bertrand informed Council that the "ventilation problem" in Reggie's has been fixed. As Ms Boujaklian was in attendance, he asked if she would elaborate. Ms Boujaklian confirmed that there was a malfunction with the ventilation system in Reggie's which has been corrected. She added there will be an increase in the change of filters. She also informed council that when there are events in the cafeteria the ventilation can be turned on after 6:00pm on the weekends. However, there is a charge for this service - \$50.00/hr in the winter and \$65.00/hr in the summer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2004

Ms Posius asked that the minutes be amended to show she was present. Mr. Blais informed Council that he had questioned the vote count for the motion concerning the composition of CCSL as indicated in the minutes. He said that the secretary of CCSL had explained that a permanent observer had voted in error and the final vote count had been corrected for the minutes. Mr. Blais felt that this information should have been included in the minutes. Dr. Bertrand explained that as the error did not affect the outcome of the vote and in order not to embarrass a council member the decision had been made not to include that information.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Ms Avalos and seconded by Mr. Farrington.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.3 Recreation & Athletics Board Motion (K. Sheahan, seconded by Ms. Avalos)

Mr. Blais asked for clarification on the composition and appointment procedure to the Board. As the CSU has the right to appoint students to university committees, he felt this right should be reflected in the composition. Dr. Bertrand asked if Council would be comfortable in approving this motion with the understanding that Ms Sheahan would include information on the process for election of students with respect to the concern expressed by Mr. Blais. He also asked that these revisions include a caveat that the student representation would include one graduate student and that these students would be involved in Recreation & Athletics. The revised document will be tabled for Council's information at the April 2nd CCSL meeting. Council was in agreement.

The Recreation and Athletics Board asks CCSL to accept this report as amended with its unanimous recommendation to form a single guiding body out of the former Recreation and Advisory Board and the future Search Review

The motion as amended was passed unanimously

4.2 Membership of CCSL Committee overseeing the Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank

As no nominations had been submitted to the CCSL secretary, Dr. Bertrand asked that this item be deferred to the April 2nd meeting. He also asked that nominations be submitted to the secretary before that date.

4.1 Motion #4 (P. Blais – Student Services projected surplus)

Dr. Bertrand noted that this item has been deferred to the March meeting in order to review the most recent and accurate figures for student enrollment for 2003-04. Mr. Côté distributed a document comparing the projected FTE figures to the actual FTE figures as of March 23, 2004. He spoke briefly about the Student Services three-year budget process. The projected FTE figure for 2003-04 was 23,100. This figure was obtained by using the actual FTE for 2002-03 plus an increase of 3%. As the actual FTE for 2003-04 was 23,201, it is only an increase of 101 FTE which translates into a variance of \$20,907 for 2003-2004. Mr. Côté noted that the projection was almost “bang-on”. Mr. Blais thanked Mr. Côté for his presentation. At this time with the consent of the seconder, Ms Avalos, he asked that his motion be withdrawn.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

There were no reports.

6. STUDENT LIFE ISSUES

Ms Avalos said that she would have a formal motion to be considered by Council at the next meeting concerning the issue of mandatory security charges for student events on campus. She explained that some clubs cannot afford these charges, and therefore cannot hold events. This policy adversely affects student life on campus. She asked that CCSL consider what could be done to lower these costs. Mr. Farrington agreed with the concerns. He explained that the MSA was in danger of not being able to hold their two up-coming events due to security charges. Dr. Bertrand was aware of these problems but explained that steps had been taken to ensure that these events would indeed happen. Mr. Farrington asked that the committee that assesses the need for security make public their criteria. Dr. Bertrand confirmed that the committee has mandated the Vice-Rector Services to draft a document to establish the criteria. He also indicated that this committee is reviewing the issue of who should be responsible for payment of security charges including an option of university responsibility for payment. As the motion by Ms Avalos for April 2nd would “lean” towards that option, he asked if Council would like him to continue to “push” for that solution in the interim. He also asked

that council members email him any arguments that support this option. Council was in agreement.

Mr. Blais asked how much money were we talking about with respect to the security charges. Mr. Farrington thought the security charges for the CSU were approximately \$11,000. Dr. Bertrand added that he thought the non-CSU charges were approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Blais asked for the composition of the "security assessment" committee. Ms Avalos asked if there was student representation on the committee. As this committee is under the purview of the Vice-Rector, Services Dr. Bertrand asked that any questions concerning the committee be referred to the Vice-Rector.

Mr. Blais noted that Mr. Brisebois has not been in attendance for the last couple of CCSL meetings. As security issues are raised at every meeting, he felt it was extremely important to have the Director of Security or at least a delegate present at all meetings. Dr. Bertrand agreed and will raise the issue with the Director of Security.

Ms Bakarally said in accordance with the BOG resolution tabling is allowed in the Hall Lobby when in conjunction with a booking in H 110 or the D.B. Clarke. However, Security does not seem to be aware of this resolution which has resulted in problems for student groups. She asked if there was or could be some sort of workshop for security to ensure they were aware of the university policies and regulations.

Mr. Farrington said there has been some confusion with Security with respect to poster violation procedures. Dr. Bertrand asked that Mr. Farrington email him the concerns and he will follow-up with security.

Mr. Rosenshein asked for confirmation that the exemption for election posterage will be respected. Dr. Bertrand said that both security and Mr. Lanthier were aware of the poster exemptions. The problems from last year will not be repeated.

Mr. Blais informed Council that Sociology and Anthropology Students Association is now the 4th accredited association on campus. The vote was as follows: 497 in favor; 17 opposed; 5 spoiled/abstentions. Mr. Côté asked what effect this accreditation would have on the CSU. Mr. Blais said that the association was under ASFA which is not an accredited association. He explained that two accredited associations such as the CSU at a university-wide level and Sociology & Anthropology at a department level

could represent students. There would be no overlap. Ms Hedrich reminded Council that if there was to be a fee levy for the Sociology & Anthropology Student Association, she should be advised as soon as possible in order to meet university deadlines for implementation. Dr. Bertrand reminded Council that a referendum would have to be held in order to effect a fee levy.

Mr. Blais informed Council that security cameras that look down into the lobby of the Hall Building are very sophisticated and high tech. In fact, the cameras are able to "read" papers in the Lobby from their position. As polling stations for the elections will be set-up in the Lobby, he asked that this situation be remedied in order to ensure voter confidentiality. Dr. Bertrand agreed with the concerns expressed. He will discuss the issue with the Director of Security to ensure that confidentiality is respected.

Ms Avalos asked if there had been any response yet from the Vice-Rector, Services with respect to the CCSL motion asking that Security wear nametags. Dr. Bertrand confirmed he has had no response.

Mr. Farrington spoke briefly about an issue that developed between the Turkish Students Association (CSU) and the Armenian Students Association (IEAC) and the CSU's attempts to sanction both groups. As the Armenian Student Association is not under the jurisdiction of the CSU he asked for assistance in solving this issue. Dr. Bertrand agreed to discuss this issue with Mr. Farrington at their upcoming meeting. He also indicated that he has asked Dr. E. Sacca, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, to assist in arranging a symposium that will include participation of scholars from both sides to discuss the issues in an academic forum.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Motion #7 ((P. Blais – IEAC funding)

Mr. Blais withdrew his motion.

7.2 Library updates (Mr. W. Curran)

Mr. Curran informed Council that once again extended Library hours would be offered from March 22- April 26th. The Webster Library 24-hour restricted period starts April 13 through to April 26th. Restricted access means only people with valid Concordia id. This includes alumni and students with crepuq borrowing privileges. During that restricted period, the public can use the Vanier Library facilities instead. Dr. Shaver was glad that the Library recognized its importance to the community as a public institution. She asked if it might be a good idea to ensure that

Security is also aware of this mandate and during that restricted period refer non-Concordians to the Vanier Library.

Mr. Curran spoke briefly about the lack of space in the Webster Library. He asked that Council be supportive of the Library's planned expansion to the 5th floor of the LB Building which will eventually alleviate some of the problems. However, as the current tenants of the 5th floor do yet have allocated space, he cannot yet confirm when 5th floor will be turned over to the Library.

Mr. Farrington said he has received a complaint about access for the disabled and poor lighting in the Library. Mr. Curran asked that Mr. Farrington email him directly with the details so he could quickly address the issue.

With respect to tours of the Library by student groups, Mr. Curran informed Council that the Library has templates and guides available to ensure that up-to-date and correct information is disseminated to our students and encouraged groups to take advantage of this service.

Mr. Curran informed Council that there was a recent Crepuq survey on the information literacy of students entering university. There is a document on-line which he encouraged Council to read:

http://crepuq.qc.ca/documents/bibl/formation/studies_Ang.pdf

Mr. Curran will report on this survey at the next CCSL meeting.

8. Next Meeting: April 2, 2004 10:00 am Loyola Campus PY244

10. Termination of Meeting

A motion to terminate was made by Mr. Farrington and seconded by Ms. Avalos.

The motion was carried unanimously